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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

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DOC CONFERENCE ROOM LOWER LEVEL
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DMD
Martin Elson, DDS
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Eric George, DMD
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Marian Royer, DMD
Maryellen Simas, RDH

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Harrigan, Chief, Center for Professional
Boards and Commissions
Dr. Sharon Friend, Board Administrator
Amy Coleman, JD, Legal Counsel
Linda Esposito, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Balukjian – DDRI
Diane Monti-Markowski – BCBSRI
Shabtai Sapir – St. Joseph Health Center
Patrick Quinlan, Esquire – RIDA
Christy Durant, Esquire – RIDA/RIOMS
Marie Jones-Bridges – Hygienist
Kristen Zitterell – Dental Anesthesiologist

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, DOC Conference Room, Lower Level, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. on a motion by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS. Motion carried.

2. Chairman's Report

- Communications
 - Chairman Dodge introduced and welcomed Dr. Marian Royer as a new member of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry
 - Chairman Dodge asked Board Manager, Linda Esposito, to provide the Board with information regarding the use of a website repository to access information and documentation for Board Meetings. Use of the website repository would require Board Members to bring a laptop, or other similar device, to Board Meetings and reduce the need for paper copies of documents to be provided at Board Meetings. The current goal is to have this process in place for the February 2016 Board Meeting.
 - Chairman Dodge asked Board Members to review provided letters from Dr. Stanley Malamed, DDS, Dr. William MacDonnell, DDS, FACD, Dr. Patrick D. McCarty, DDS, and Dr. Kristen Zitterell, DMD, regarding their opinions of the anesthesia issues currently before the Board.
- License Committee Meeting
 - No License Committee Meeting was held for January 6, 2016 as there were no license application issues to be addressed.
- February 10, 2016 Board Meeting
 - The February meeting date was changed in order to allow as many members as possible to attend and participate. It is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the DOC Conference Room, Lower Level, at the RI Department of Health.

3. **Board Administrator's Report**

- Nitrous Oxide and Minimal Sedation Permit evaluations
 - Board Administrator, Dr. Sharon Friend, reported to the Board on her research and recommendations as to whether the current pending Nitrous Oxide and Minimal Sedation Permit applications require an evaluation process under the present Rules and Regulations. After discussion, a Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Russell Chin, DDS, to issue any pending Nitrous Oxide permits that meet the current qualification requirements. Motion passed. After discussion, a Motion was made by Eric George, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, to issue any pending Minimal Sedation permits that meet the current qualification requirements. Motion passed.

4. **Public Comment**

Dr. Kristin Zitterell, DMD, Dental Anesthesiologist, addressed some of her concerns about the proposed changes to the Anesthesia Rules and Regulations, as were addressed in the letter jointly submitted to the Board by herself, Dr. Patrick McCarty, and Dr. William MacDonnell.

5. **Presentation of the December 2, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry for Wednesday, December 2, 2015, as amended. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

6. **Review of Issued Licenses List**

Board Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last Board Meeting.

7. **New Business**

- Discussion of Proposed Dental Anesthesia Rules and Regulations
 - Beginning with the *Table of Contents* on Page ii, change the term "General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation" to "Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia" and change throughout the document.
 - In "Definitions" on Page 1, under Section 1.5, "**Anesthesia and sedation**" for the purpose of permitting will be delineated into the following classes:" add: "(a) Anxiolysis" and change the alphabetical identifiers of the remaining items listed.
 - §20.1.5(b) **For Nitrous Oxide Analgesia:** change paragraph to list all the requirements as outlined in the Rules and Regulations.

- A motion was made by Martin Elson, DDS, to break down Anesthesia Facility Permits by sedation type. After discussion, the motion was tabled until the next Board Meeting.

8. Old Business

- The Board inquired about the status of the revised Rules and Regulations that were completed at the October 7, 2015 Board Meeting. Linda Esposito, Board Manager, advised that she was not assigned the duties of actually making those revisions until the week of Christmas, and that she was working on that task.

9. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

- A motion was made by, Martin Elson, DDS, and seconded by, Martin Nager, DMD, to adjourn to Closed Session at 11:07 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

10. Motion to Return to Open Session

- Motion was made by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, at 11:55 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

11. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- 2 No unprofessional Conduct
- 1 Reprimand

12. Adjournment

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 8:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, DOC Conference Room, Lower Level, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito
Board Manager
State of Rhode Island
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Board of Examiners in Dentistry